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- c. [X] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at pages 3 and 4,
- d. [] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. [] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
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Respectfully submitted,

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